

GRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1
DBA SAMARITAN HOSPITAL AND SAMARITAN AMBULANCE SERVICE
Grant County, Washington
January 1, 1992 Through December 31, 1992

Schedule Of Findings

1. Grant County Public Hospital District No. 1 Should Comply With State Bid Laws

Our audit disclosed that, during 1992, the district remodeled the radiology department at its Warden Clinic at a cost of \$7,925 without putting the project out for bids.

RCW 70.44.140 states in part:

All materials purchased and work ordered, the estimated cost of which is in excess of five thousand dollars, shall be by contract. Before awarding any such contract, the commission shall cause to be published a notice at least thirty days before the letting of said contract, inviting sealed proposals for such work, plans and specifications which must at the time of the publication of such notice be on file at the office of the public hospital district, subject to public inspection.

The district's failure to call for bids on this project was caused by an oversight which occurred because the dollar amount was relatively close to the bid requirement.

We recommend that the district establish procedures to ensure that all projects consisting of materials and labor with an estimated cost in excess of \$5,000 are bid according to statutory requirements.